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A Message from State Representative

**Eric A. Gutwein**

House District 16

After finishing my first session in the Indiana House of Representatives, I am pleased with the conversations I have had with the people in our district. I think it is very important to have open communication between us so I can serve you to the best of my ability. I have also realized that I am contacted not only about legislation, but also with concerns or questions you may have regarding other areas of government. I want to thank you for contacting my office, and I hope that my staff and I have been of help. Additionally, I would like to pass along contact information for other agencies that might be of service to you if a need arises.

- Housing Finance Authority: (800) 872-0371
- Consumer Protection: (317) 232-6330
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- Unclaimed Property: (800) 382-5516
- Dept. of Commerce: (317) 232-8800
- Utility Consumer Complaints: (888) 441-2494
- Department of Revenue: (317) 232-2240
- Department of Environmental Management: (800) 451-6027
- Medicaid: (800) 457-4584
- Congressman Steve Buyer (574) 583-981
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- Congressman Chris Chocoma (202) 225-3915
- Senator Richard Lugar (219) 548-8035
- Senator Evan Bayh (219) 852-2763
- Division of Family and Children:
  - Cass Co. (574) 722-3677
  - Fulton Co. (574) 223-3413
  - Jasper Co. (219) 866-4186
  - Pulaski Co. (574) 946-3312
  - White Co. (574) 583-5742

These numbers should help give you information that you are seeking. You can also find information for all state government agencies on the web. However, always feel free to contact my office if I can ever be of assistance to you. I appreciate hearing from the constituents in District 16.

Sincerely,

Eric A. Gutwein

For more information regarding the 2003 General Assembly, visit [www.in.gov/legislative](http://www.in.gov/legislative)



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# The Need for Fiscal Discipline

At the close of the 2003 legislative session, the Indiana House of Representatives passed House Bill 1001, the state budget bill, by a vote of 61-37. Changes made to the bill in conference committee increased government spending so dramatically that the end result is a two-year deficit of \$1.3 billion.

Because the budget increases government spending by more than 10 percent over the next two years, and creates a significant deficit, I had no choice but to vote against House Bill 1001.

The budget continues the state's excessive spending habits by doing the following:

- \* Increases property taxes by \$560 million over two years by recalculating and reducing the Homestead Tax Credit.
- \* Increases property taxes an additional \$170 million by shifting the cost of education from the state to the capital projects funds of local school corporations.
- \* Raids \$380 million from the Teacher Retirement Fund.
- \* Transfers \$200 million from the Build Indiana Fund into the state's general fund.
- \* Drains the Tobacco Master Settlement Fund to pay for general government expenses, thus jeopardizing the future of the state's HoosierRx and Choice health care programs.

These actions guarantee that the state's history of deficit spending will continue for another two years. In fact, these actions will extend the state's history of deficit spending to eight consecutive years. In other words, every state budget from 1998 to 2005 will spend more money than the state is expected to receive in tax revenues.

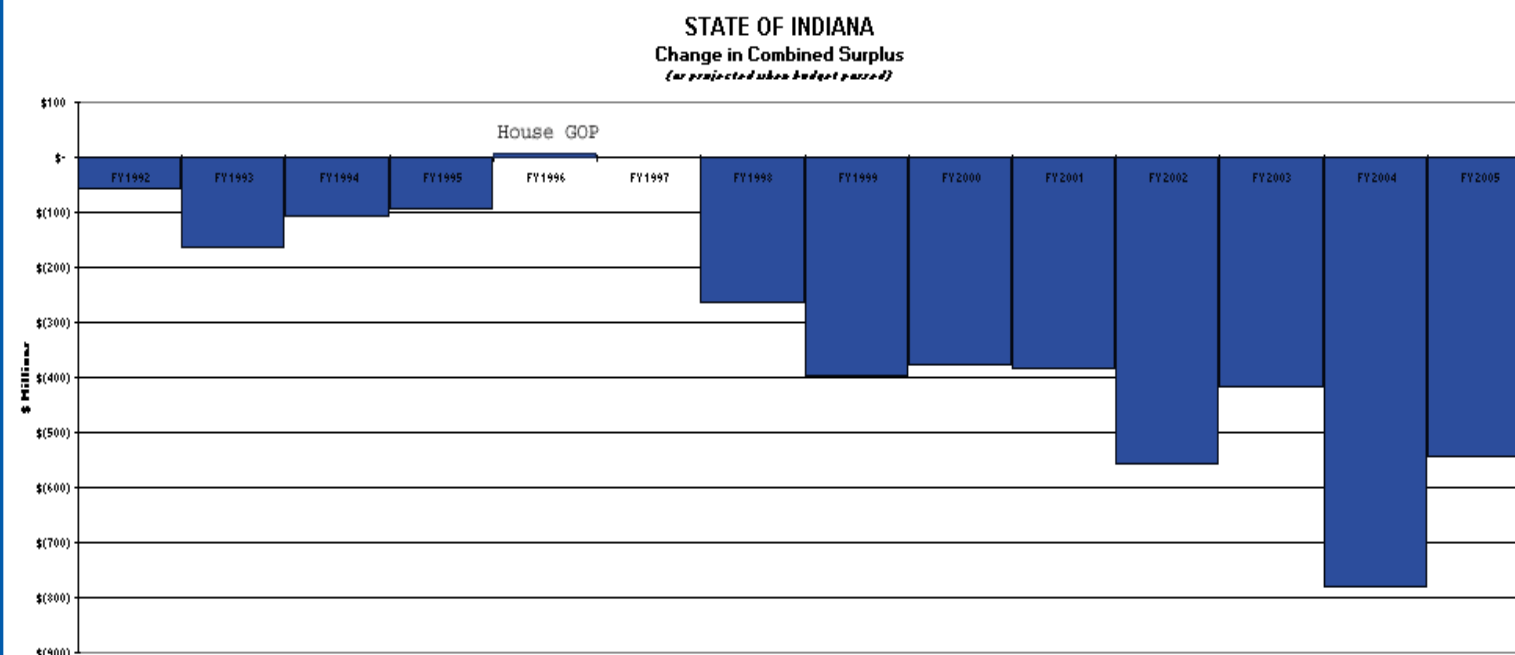


Rep. Gutwein reviews proposed legislation before a vote on the Chamber floor.

Many of those who supported the budget did so because of the numerous economic development initiatives contained within House Bill 1001. While I personally support and fought for many of those ideas, I strongly believe that an effective and sustain-

able economic development plan can only be built upon a solid foundation of fiscal responsibility, and the cornerstone should be a balanced budget.

In short, if Hoosier families are expected to live within their means, then so should our government.



The chart above illustrates the history of budget deficits in Indiana. The only time that the budget was balanced was when Republicans were in control of the House.

# Right Track Indiana

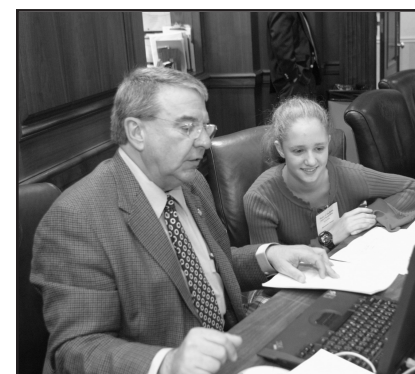
I'm extremely proud of our efforts this session to improve Indiana's economic outlook. Our Right Track Indiana legislative agenda created a vision to redefine how government works and re-ignite our stalled economic engine. By putting forth a plan that creates jobs immediately and attracts investment to our state for the long-term, House Republicans have taken the first step to put Indiana on the right track.

Our consensus plan focused on four strategies to diversify Indiana's economy and attract new industries while sustaining our manufacturing sector and improving the environment for existing employers:

- Redesigning Government** – To improve the way Indiana does business, making our state more marketable and setting benchmarks for continuous improvement.
- Tax Structure Improvements** – To further enhance the Indiana tax code to offer incentives to private investment in both new equipment and skilled employees.
- Strategic Investments** – To assist our universities, improve technology infrastructure, and assist rural economic development.
- Targeted Incentives** – To support ailing economic sectors and take advantage of opportunities to create jobs.

The most significant breakthroughs include the creation of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) to restructure the way Indiana executes its statewide economic policy and a new Government Efficiency "Hoosier Grace" Commission established to clean up waste and inefficiency in state government. Both bodies will be appointed on July 1, 2003, and the new IEDC will take over all state commerce efforts in 2005. We also achieved record investment in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund, Technology Parks, and incentives to attract high-wage employers to our state.

This year we accomplished one of our goals – a boost to economic opportunity for all Hoosiers.



Rep. Gutwein speaks to a page on the Chamber floor. Pages are students from schools around the state who assist their State Representative for a day at the Statehouse.

# Hoosier Rx

Hoosier Rx, Indiana's prescription drug program for low-income seniors, has recently changed formats. Instead of being issued a refund check after the prescription is purchased, a senior enrolled in the program can simply present his/her plan membership card at the retailer to receive the benefits.

Hoosier Rx covers all drugs that require prescriptions, as well as insulin. The changes to this program will be phased in over the next few months. Listed below are several prescription assistance programs currently being offered to Hoosiers.

## Hoosier Rx

- Indiana's own discount prescription drug program.
- Provides low-income seniors with up to 50% savings on medications.
- A yearly benefit of up to \$1000 for recipients.

For additional information please call (866) 267-4679

## Pfizer for Living Share Card

- Designed to provide a bridge for a target group of Medicare beneficiaries until a Medicare prescription drug benefit is established.
- Seniors pay \$15 for up to a 30-day supply for Pfizer medicine.
- Convenient prescription refills at retail pharmacy.
- Free health education materials.

For additional information please call (800) 717-6005

## Connection to Care

- Medical office-based program
- Provides nearly 30 Pfizer medications free of charge at the physician's request.

For additional information please call (800) 707-8990

## Sharing the Care

- Pharmaceutical access program that donates Pfizer medications to low-income individuals through federally funded community, migrant and homeless health centers across the country.
- Developed in partnership with the National Governors Association and the National Association of Community Health Centers.

For additional information please call (800) 984-1500

## LillyAnswers Card

- Provides discounted medications for low-income Hoosiers (annual individual income less than \$18,000 annual household income less than \$24,000).
- Seniors pay \$12 for a 30-day supply of any Lilly drug.
- Prescriptions are filled at participating retail pharmacies.
- Patient education and disease management tools.

For additional information please call (877) RX-LILLY 795-4559